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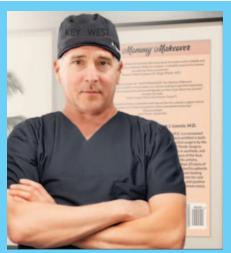
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### From Our Artistic Director

Hello Everyone and a Warm Welcome to the Red Barn Theatre's 44th Season!!!

*If you love...* hilarity, oodles of outlandish characters played by two fabulous comic actors, crazy and colorful costumes by Sushi, Yuletide shenanigans, small town Texas and fun for all.... then *A Tuna Christmas* is for you! (*December 19 - January 13*).

If you love... Women in the White House, a fast paced, non-stop action farce, laughing so hard it hurts, potty-mouthed brilliant humor, seven knock-your-socks-off female actors and a Tony-nominated, fresh from Broadway show... then POTUS or Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive is for you! (January 30 - February 24).

If you love... Chicago songstress *Christine Mild* who wow'd em last season with Patsy Cline classics, the best songs and stories of the incredible women of country music, great musicians led by *Jim Rice* and a new show made just for you.... then *This One's For The Girls* is for you! (*January 17 - 20*) Four Nights Only!

*If you love...* another fresh from Broadway hit comedy, a delicious roasting of those trying hard to do the right thing, four adorably funny actors, sexy scenarios, a wickedly good script and a wildly chaotic classroom where good intentions collide with absurd assumptions... then *The Thanksgiving Play* is for you! (*March 5 - 30*)

*If you love...* a briskly entertaining play that is buoyantly literate, having your preconceptions disturbed, a tick-tocking urgency, terrifically funny dialogue that is a battle over factual truth vs. the beauty of literary license and three cracker-jack actors... then *The Lifespan of A Fact* is for you! (*April 9 - 27*)

### WE HOPE ALL OF OUR 44th SEASON IS FOR YOU!!!

With Affection and Gratitude to you, our Amazing Audience,

— Joy Hawkins





### From Our Managing Director

Thank you for joining us for our 44th blockbuster season!
When I say that I think to myself... 44 years... is that right? It is!
And Gary McDonald and Joy Hawkins and I have lived to tell all the tales. Our artistic journey has been one I am very proud of.
Take a look at the spectacular variety of shows listed in this program.

### Our roster of artists has also been impressive.

I am most proud of the teams behind the scenes that we have in place to market, develop, outreach and face the public at the box office. 

\*\*Bob Bowersox\*, Chris Hamilton, Julie Jeffers, Michael Naughton, Roberta DePiero, Susannah Wells and JT Thompson are among the contributors to our continued success, along with our fabulous board under the direction of Kim Works.

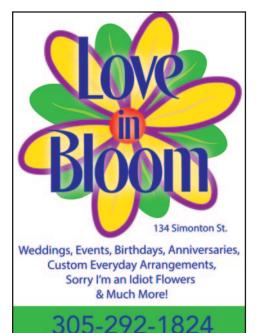
Michelle Chennault, this year's recipient of the Red Barn's

2023 Unsung Hero Award jumped in as a proactive board member who took over Opening Night Parties and last year's fabulous Gala.

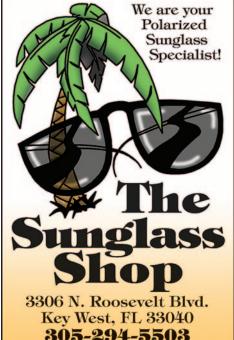
Don't miss this year's party Life's a Drag! Many surprises await you at another Michelle Chennault original! So thank you, Village! We appreciate you!

### Have a wonderful evening!

-- Mimi McDonald



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### From Our EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

44 years at the Red Barn Theatre has given me the chance to watch the effect Theatre has had on this island.

Giving locals the chance to shine in the community brightens events that help us celebrate Key West and its diverse community. Letting audiences come together to share in fresh ideas about what improves our lives helps us live together.

Our audiences are looking to be entertained but they also want to learn something new and be surprised. Your attendance is what has made this possible. Your support is very appreciated.

### Enjoy the show!

-- Gary McDonald
Executive Director, Founding Member

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Production #1

December 19 thru January 13, 2024

Written by Ed Howard, Joe Sears & Jaston

Williams • Directed by Michael Marrero

It's one of the popular Tuna series of plays, and is a perfect show to point up the holidays. Two of Key West's most popular and accomplished actors, Brandon Beach and David Black, will star, and between them will bring dozens of characters and voices to life in the hilarious production!

### Special Event January 17 thru 20

Christine Mild, with her new show, *The Women of Country Music*. Known for her accomplished interpretation of Patsy Cline, Mild will deliver the top hits of the most iconic female singers in the long history of country music. She'll be accompanied by pianist/arranger *Jim Rice*, bassist *Gary Rivenson*, and drummer *Gary McDonald*.





# Production #2 January 30 thru February 24 Written by Selina Fillinger

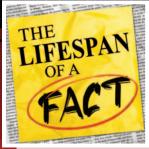
A funny and outrageous skewering of today's politics. Hawkins will direct Key West's top actresses, George Dibraud, Susannah Wells, Lauren Thompson, Jessica Miano Kruel, Marjorie Paul Shook, Lynn Clark and Fritzie Esimond. If you want to laugh 'til you cry, this is your show.

# Production #3 March 5 thru 30

Written by Larissa FastHorse • Directed by Mimi McDonald • Good intentions collide with absurd assumptions in this wickedly funny satire, as "woke" teaching artists scramble to somehow create a pageant that manages to celebrate both

Turkey Day and Native American Heritage Month. Starring **Arthur Crocker**, **Jeremy Zoma** and **Elena Devers**, it's a "delicious roasting!"





Production #4
April 9 thru May 4

Written by Jeremy Kareken, David Murrell & Gordon Farrell • A fact checker and a talented writer at a prominent but sinking New York magazine clash when the former must fact check the latter's explosive essay that could save the magazine. It's a comedic yet gripping battle over facts versus truth. What could be more timely?

Special Event Sunday, January 14

Our always-popular annual fundraiser will take place at the Oldest House Gardens on Duval Street, from 5pm until 9pm. As a themed party, all attendees are encouraged to let their "drag" alter-ego out to play. Tickets will be \$150 and include a delicious spread catered by **Destinations**Catering and even an Open Bar! We'll enjoy hysterical performances by some of Key West's most iconic "drag' entertainers.



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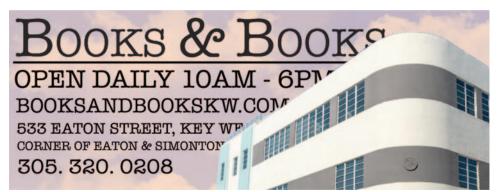
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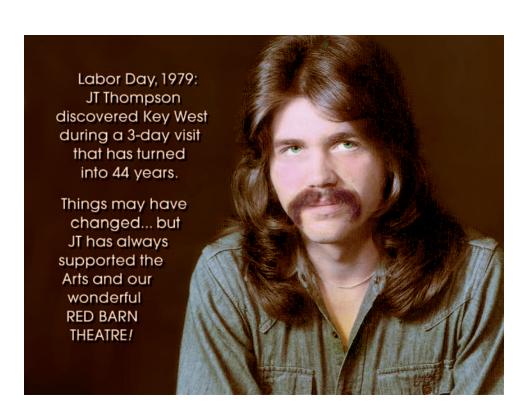


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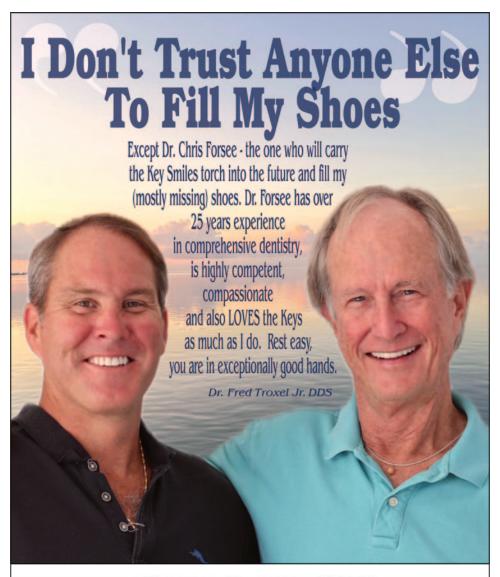
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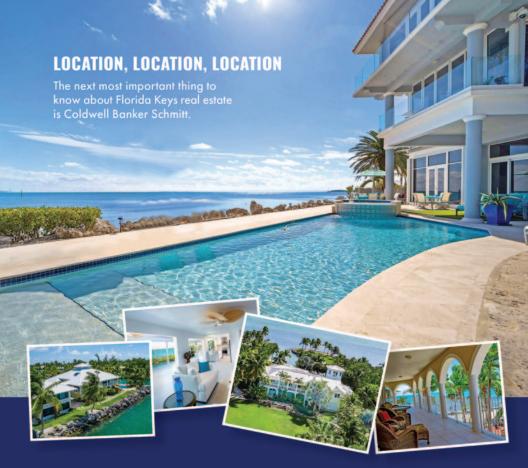


Still the best act in town! Christopher Rounds, Proprietor, 2023

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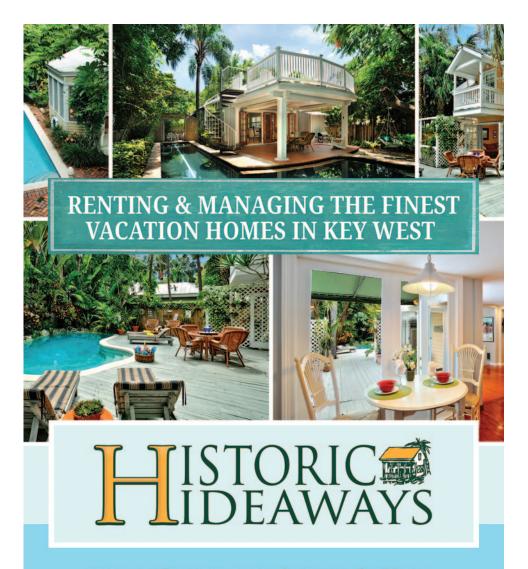
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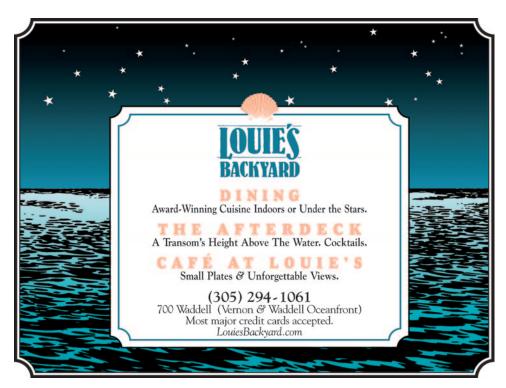
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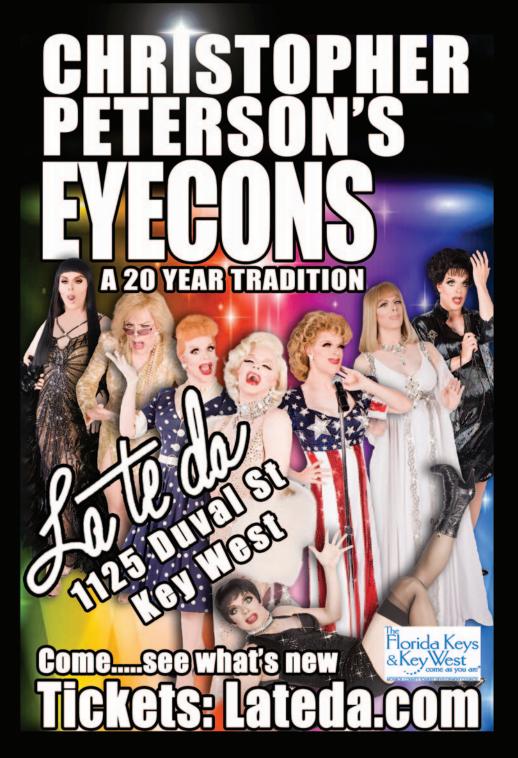
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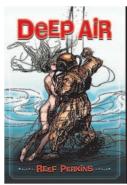
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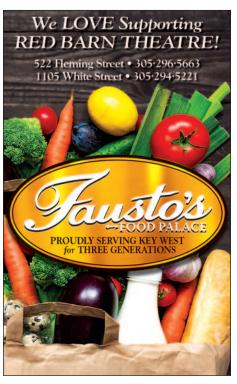
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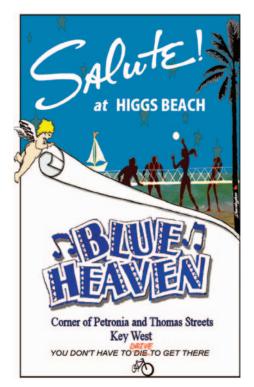
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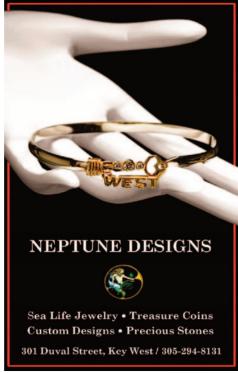
After World War II, when the Community Players had moved to their beautiful Waterfront Playhouse at Mallory Square, the Barn was dusted off again by Ruth Guttman, who, with her husband Yehuda, presented wonderful puppet shows during the late 1960s and 1970s. Yehuda, a gifted concert pianist, also offered many concerts on tropical evenings at the Barn.

After a period of dormancy in the 1970s, a spirited group of actors and technicians renovated the theatre, opening the Barn doors in 1980 under the incorporated name "The Red Barn Actor's Studio, Inc." As the Barn has prospered and grown into a cultural cornerstone for our community, we have picked up the mantle of literary heritage that Key West has to offer by utilizing the great talent resources available to us: Richard Wilbur (former Poet Laureate of the U.S., worked alongside us in our productions of his Moliere translations); Shel Silverstein many times gave us carte blanche with his work; other notables include Jimmy Buffett, Philip Burton, Jerry Herman... and in the early days, Tennessee Williams.

Forty four amazing years later, the Red Barn Theatre is considered a gem in the cultural landscape of Key West, producing five to six professional live shows during each season along with special events. We are proud to have been named "One of the Best Professional Theatres in South Florida" by Florida Monthly Magazine!

The strength of the Barn lies in our commitment to quality theatre and community involvement. To all our patrons and supporters - and to our many visitors from far-away places... we welcome you to our amazing island and the Red Barn Theatre. *Enjoy the show!* 





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logues • 2001-02: Celebration • Ancestral Voices • Anton In Show Business • The Memory of Water • The Big Bang • I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! • 2002-03: Sketches: Edith Head's Hollywood • Pete 'n' Keely • Sophie Tucker: An American Legend • The Big Bang • Proof • Swimming in the Shallows • A Slight Ache and The Lover • A Celebration of Key West Poets • Key West Country • 2003-04: My Way • Shel's Shorts • Potshots • Talking Heads • Funny Gay Males • Bruce Kirle's Cabaret • Fully Committed • Key West Country • The Suitors • 2004-05: Parallel Lives • The Frog Prince • La Vie Ennui • Bruce Kirle's Cabaret • Sordid Lives • Frozen • Sherlock's Secret Life • Meshuggah-Nuns! • 2005-06: The Spitfire Grill • Showtune: Celebrating the Words & Music of Jerry Herman • The Drawer Boy • Barbra's Wedding • The Rocky Horror Show • 2006-07: Incorruptible • 5 Course Love • The Exonerated • Opus • Bat Boy: The Musical • 2007-08: Bark! • Shel Shocked • Sylvia • Mavis and the Three Bears • Rompers: A Collection of Shorts • The Vagina Monologues • Jacques Brel Reprised • 2008-09: Wild Women of Planet Wongo • The Outer Shel • November • Steel Magnolias • Fresh Rompers: A Collection of Shorts • 2009-10: A Christmas Survival Guide • Women Who Steal • Speed The Plow • Shirley Valentine • Always Patsy Cline • How Sweet It Is • Short Attention Span Theatre • 2010-11: Greetings • Sister Robert Anne's Cabaret Class • Becky's New Car • Reasons to Be Pretty • Short Attention Span Theatre • Key West: A Musical Tour About Town • 2011-12: Forbidden Broadway • Red • God of Carnage • Match • Short Attention Span Theatre • Love Letters • Kathleen... Peace, Love, and Jazz • 2012-13: Made in Key West • Oil City Symphony • The Divine Sister • Love, Loss and What I Wore • Tea for Three • Time Stands Still • Conchs, Cowboys & Tales of Old Key West • Oklahoma Smith and the Pantheon of Annihilation • 2013-14: Moment of Grace • Stand Up, With A Little Class! • Bingo! The Winning Musical • Vanya and Sonia and Masha & Spike • I Am My Own Wife • Clybourne Park • Short Attention Span Theatre 2014 • Conchs, Cowboys and Tales of Old Key West • 2014-15: The Last Night of Ballyhoo • Clark Gable Slept Here • Let's Get Lost • Outside Mullingar • Venus In Fur • The Poetry of Hearts • Frank & Dean We're Back Baby! • Isn't It Romantic? • The Skivvies • The Show Biz Ball Gala • 2015-16: Fools • Scott & Hem • Buyer & Cellar • The Skivvies • Conchs, Cowboys & Tales of Old Key West • I Love Ethel • Out of the City • The Cripple of Inishmaan • The Story Goes On: A Mother and Daughter's Musical Journey • 2016-17: Picasso At The Lapin Agile • Murder for Two • I Do, I Do! • Camping With Henry & Tom • Short Attention Span Theatre 2017 • And Then I Wrote A Song About It • Still the Old Class Clown... Just a Lot Older! • 2017-18: Dancing Lessons • 20th Century Blues • Always... Patsy Cline • Native Gardens • Cry It Out 2018-19: With Bells On • Short Attention Span Theatre 2018 • Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical • Meteor Shower • John Wells is Still Alive and Living in Key West • 2019-20: Tiny Beautiful Things, Life Sucks, Short Attention Span Theatre: The Twilight Zone, The Big Bang (streaming) • 2020-21: Love, Loss and What I Wore (streaming), With Bells On (streaming), Sez She (streaming) • 2021-22: Cats Talk Back, Walking Happy, Quarantine For Two, BaSSically Incorrect, Hurricane Diane, How To Eat Like a Child • 2022-23: Dear Jack, Dear Louise • Back In Baby's Arms • Flaming Guns of the Purple Sage • The Code • Short Attention Span Theatre: Parallel Universes



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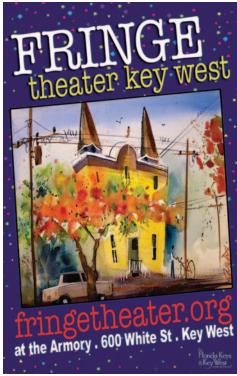
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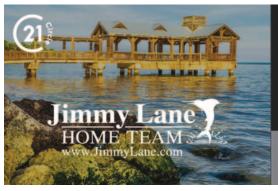
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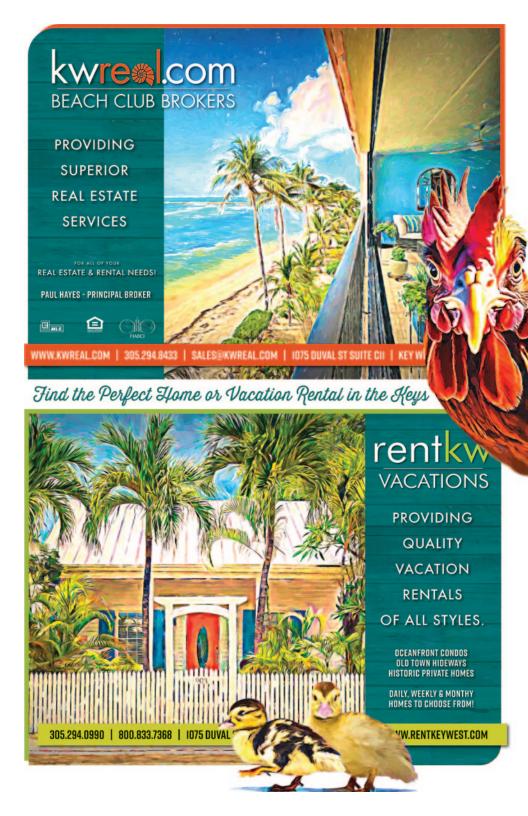
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